NARRATIVE HISTORY

OF THE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF KALAMAZOO.

The Village of Kalamazoo was formerly called Bronson, and the Township of Kalamazoo, in which the Village is situated, Arcadia.

On the first day of September, 1833, the Commissioners of Common Schools for the Town of Arcadia divided it into five school districts, of which No. 1 was in the Village. This district was organized without delay, and a slab school house erected during the fall for temporary use. The first school taught in Kalamazoo was opened in this rude building in the summer of 1833, by Miss Eliza Coleman, now Mrs. Rodney Seymour, who still lives in Kalamazoo.

Although intended for a school-house, the building was used as a church and court-room almost from the day it was opened; during the summer Miss Coleman's school was twice interrupted to accommodate the sessions of the court. This house was located on the south side of South street, between Burdick and Henrietta streets, just east of the Jewish Synagogue.

In the Autumn of 1834, a frame school-house was built just west of the slab house, on the ground where the Synagogue now stands. This was occupied for school purposes in the winter of 1834–5. It was, however, used as a court-room by Judge William Fletcher, of Ann Arbor, for a week or ten days before the school opened. The building was used as a school-house, with occasional intermissions of a year or so, until the summer of 1866, when it was removed to the northern part of the Village, the district having sold the premises in 1865. In its early day it was used for religious purposes by three different denominations, and for two or three years was the only school-house, church, and court-room in the Village.

In 1837 a second district was organized, out of the east half of No. 1, the dividing line running north along Henrietta street to South

street, west on South street to the alley running through to Main street in front of the Kalamazoo House, thence northwest to Burdick street on a continuation of Portage street, thence north on Burdick street. It was particularly specified, however, that the Kalamazoo House should be in the new district. At the time of the division the new district was called No. 2, but this was soon changed to No. 8. A school was taught for some time in Lot North's old bakery, which stood on the north side of East Main street, a few rods east of Kalamazoo avenue. In 1848 a brick school-house was built for this district in the point of land on the south side of Kalamazoo avenue, near its junction with east Main street. This locality was known as "Clip-Knock-ie," a name which is said to have indicated somewhat the general character of the neighborhood. This property was sold by the district in November, 1862.

In 1846 a new district, called No. 11, was formed out of the western half of No. 1, by a line running north and south through Church street. As an equitable division of the school property, No. 1 was given the old lot and house at the east end of South street, and No. 11 two lots on the north side of South street, between West and Park streets, which had been donated for public use by Titus Bronson. (These lots belonged to his wife.) Before the division of the district steps had been taken to erect a school-house on the Bronson lots, but discord prevailing, an unfinished wooden structure together with about fifty books which had been secured as the nucleus of a Library were, at a citizens' meeting, ordered sold to the highest bidder. The Baptists bought the building, moved it to the south-west corner of Church and Main streets, and used it for several years for church purposes; Mr. A. T. Prouty bid in the library at five cents a volume. No building was completed for school purposes until July, 1849, when a brick one was finished at a cost of $606.80, John Whaley contractor. It was used for school purposes until destroyed by fire, February 15th, 1865. During the building of this house, from the summer of 1845 till the fall of 1849, school was kept in the basement of the old Methodist church, on the north-west corner of Academy and Church streets.

In 1848 district No. 11 was divided and No. 12 created, embracing the western part of No. 11. To accommodate this district a house was erected at the south-west corner of Cedar and Locust streets by N. Root, at a cost of $300. This building was known as the Red school-house, and was used until the spring of 1859.

The early Kalamazoo schools were *district* schools in the full meaning of the term. Each district elected its own officers, provided a school-house, hired teachers, and conducted its affairs entirely distinct from the others. One would have a good school for a summer or winter, while the adjoining district might have a poor one, and often

none at all. The number of districts in the township gradually increased, and their boundaries became so changed and modified, from time to time, that the original numbering soon lost all significance. This state of affairs continued until October 23d, 1851, when as much of districts 1, 8, 11, and 12 as were within the corporate limits of the Village of Kalamazoo, were passed under the exclusive jurisdiction of the President and Trustees of the Village, and the consolidated district was designated as No. 1. Nathaniel A. Balch, who was Director of the old No. 1, was appointed Director of the new. The school affairs of the Village now began to exhibit some degree of unity, and an effort was made to secure equal school facilities to the entire district. At the next annual meeting, held September 20th, 1852, George Winslow in the chair, it was voted that the Director be authorized to employ one or more male teachers, and as many female assistants as should *be necessary to secure full and good instruction to all the scholars contained in the Village*, and to have school continue at his discretion not exceeding *ten months.* In accordance with the above, Mr. George L. Otis was engaged for six months, Mr. E. L. Whittemore for four months, and the Misses Frances and Alice Whaley for six months each.

In October, 1853, Dwight May was appointed to succeed Mr. Balch. By the census of the previous month it appeared that there were 925 children of school age in the Village, while there were but four small school-houses of one room each. One of Mr. May's first official acts was to rent the old Baptist church, which had been re-moved to the south side of Water street, between Rose and Church streets. He divided it into *two rooms*, and organized therein what may be called the *first graded school* in Kalamazoo. Mr. May was Director until June, 1856. His term of service covered the eventful period in the history of the schools which witnessed a good share of the agitation that led to the building of the Union house. The agitation began, indeed, in June, 1847, when, at a called meeting of the Board of Inspectors, A. T. Prouty presented a petition signed by Luther H. Trask and 138 others, praying for the establishment of a Union School, and that the districts embraced within the Village be consolidated. The petition was *unanimously granted*, but only to be *overruled at the next annual meeting.*

Here the matter rested for six years. In the fall of 1853 at the annual meeting the subject again came up. Various public meetings were held during the fall and through the years 1854–5, at which various propositions were voted, and then rescinded, according to the caprices of the different meetings. The principal difficulty was the selection of a site, which required a two-thirds vote. In 1855 the Legislature changed the law so as to allow the Trustees to select a site if the electors failed to agree. The district having failed to agree, the Trustees, early in 1857, purchased of Arad C. Balch for $6,500, the tract of five

acres on which the "Old Union" now stands, and in June of the same year let the contract for the building. The corner-stone was laid by the Masonic Fraternity on the 30th of July. The High School Department was opened in the third story December 6th, 1858, and the building was dedicated and fully opened January 27th, 1859. The entere cost of the building, grounds, and furniture, was about $45,000. Kellogg & Stevens were contractors for the carpenter work, and F. & E. Thorpe for the mason work.

Near the close of Mr. May's service the Director began to be called 'Superintendent." June 16th, 1856, Frank Little was appointed by the Village Trustees "Superintendent of Schools," *vice* Dwight May, resigned. At the next annual meeting, Mr. Little presented an elaborate report urging, as a comprehensive plan for our school system, a central building for the higher schools and four ward buildings, to be situated at convenient distances, for the lower departments; it was, however, decided to erect one large building in which should be collected all the schools of the district. Mr. Little held the office until April 20th, 1857, when he was succeeded by Daniel Putnam.

As the Union building approached completion the matter of the organization and grading of the schools began to demand serious attention. Accordingly on the 14th of July, 1858, Mr. Putnam submitted to the Trustees an elaborate report, proposing a plan for the organization of the schools by dividing them into four departments, viz.: Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and High School, which was adopted on the 16th, and on the 12th of August Mr. Putnam was engaged as Superintendent of all the schools and Principal of the High School, one-half of his time to be devoted to each.

In the summer of 1857, the district took possession of the building known as the "Branch of the University," which stood on the southeast corner of the park. It was moved to the north side of Willard street, between West and Church streets. A two-room school was opened here in the fall, under the charge of Willard F. Guernsey, which continued till January, 1859, when, upon the completion of the Union house, Mr. Guernsey transferred his school to that building, and himself became Principal of the Grammar Department. School was, however, kept in the old building until 1870, when the house and lot were deeded to Bush & Patterson, as part pay for building the Frank-street house. In November, 1874, the old Branch was leased by the district and again re-fitted and opened as a school, and was used for that purpose until November 27th, 1876, when the pupils were transferred to the Frank-street house, and the old north school was again dismantled and turned into a dwelling-house.

A small, one story wooden structure, known for many years as the Portage School, came into possession of the district by annexation in

1859. It originally stood on the west side of Portage street, about eight rods north of Lake street, but was moved to a location on the north side of Lake street, eight rods east of Portage street, in 1861. In 1875 a lot situated on the north-west corner of Lake and Russell streets, containing one acre of ground, was purchased of Merrill & McCourtie for $900. On this lot, a two story, four room, brick building was erected in the summer of 1877, at a cost of $4,500, Tobias Johnson contractor. Two rooms were completed and furnished for the opening of the schools in September. The building is an ornament to that section of the Village; the total cost of the grounds, with the building completed and the four rooms furnished, will be in round numbers $7,000. The new building is called the Portage School; the old one is still owned by the district.

In 1861 it was deemed expedient to place the colored children in a building by themelves, and for this purpose the premises at the south-east corner of North and Walbridge streets were purchased and opened as the "Colored School." This arrangement continued until the summer of 1871, when, certain legal difficulties presenting themselves, the colored school was broken up and the pupils distributed among the other schools. The name of the building was changed to "East School," and under this name an ordinary school was taught until the middle of October, 1872, when the pupils were transferred to Frank-street. This building has since remained unoccupied and is still owned by the district.

In 1865 the necessity for increased accommodations east of Burdick street becoming urgent, steps were taken which led to the erection, during the following year, of an eight-room wooden structure known as the Lovel-street School, situated at the south-east corner of Lovel and Pine streets. The cost of the building and grounds was about $8,000. It was opened in 1867, and has accommodations for 375 pupils.

The Allcott School, situated on the east side of the extension of South Burdick street, was built in 1867, and occupied the same year. It cost about $600; the lot was obtained in exchange for one donated by the late W. W. Allcott.

During the spring and summer of 1870 the Frank-street School was erected, at a cost for building and grounds of about $16,000. Bush & Patterson contractors. It is situated on the north side of Frank street, just east of Burdick street. It is an eight-room, two-story building, with seats for 400 pupils, and is a model of comfort and convenience.

In November, 1873, the Frank-street house being over-crowded, an old dwelling house on the west side of Summer street, just north of Kalamazoo avenue, was rented and arranged for a one-room school, with seats for 48 pupils. It is still occupied, and is known as the North-west School.

In accordance with an act of the Legislature, approved February 12th, 1859, the control of the schools was taken from the Village Board and lodged in six trustees, who constitute a Board of Education, and who hold office for three years each. The first board was directed to be chosen as follows: Two for three years, two for two years, and two for one year; annually thereafter two trustees were to be elected. The first election under this law was held September 5th, 1859, and the following persons were elected: For three years, Hezekiah G. Wells and Israel Kellogg; for two years, David S. Walbridge and Curtis W. Hall; and for one year, Silas Hubbard and Frank Little. On the 8th of September the Board met and organized by electing the following officers: President, David S. Walbridge; Secretary, Frank Little; Treasurer, Hezekiah G. Wells. The composition of the Board, with its officers from its origin to the present time, is shown in the following table:

	1859.	
THREE YEARS.	TWO YEARS.	ONE YEAR.
Hezekiah G. Wells, Treas.,	David S. Walbridge, Pres.,	Silas Hubbard,
Israel Kellogg,	Curtis W. Hall,	Frank Little, Sec.
	1860.	
Frank Little, Sec.,	Hezekiah G. Wells, Treas.,	David S. Walbridge, Pres.,
Alfred Thomas,	Israel Kellogg	Curtis W. Hall.
	1861.	
Nathaniel A. Balch,	Frank Little, Sec.,	Hezekiah G. Wells, Treas.,
Thomas R. Sherwood	Alfred Thomas,	Israel Kellogg, Pres.
	1862.	
Hezekiah G. Wells,	Nathaniel A. Balch, Pres.,	Frank Little, Sec.,
Curtis W. Hall, Treas.,	Thomas R. Sherwood.	Alfred Thomas.
	1863.	
Frank Little, Sec.,	Hezekiah G. Wells,	Nathaniel A. Balch,
Alfred Thomas,	Curtis W. Hall, Treas.,	Thomas R. Sherwood.
	1864.	
Wm. A. Tomlinson,	Frank Little, Sec.,	Hezekiah G. Wells, Pres.,
Henry E. Hoyt,	Alfred Thomas,	Curtis W. Hall, Treas.
	1865.	
John M. Edwards, Pres.,	Wm. A. Tomlinson,	Frank Little, Sec.,
Curtis W. Hall, Treas.,	Henry E. Hoyt,	Alfred Thomas.
	1866.	
Frank Little, Sec.,	John M. Edwards, Pres.,	Wm. A. Tomlinson,
Thomas S. Cobb.	Curtis W. Hall, Treas.,	Henry E. Hoyt.
	1867.	
Henry E. Hoyt,	Frank Little, Sec.,	John M. Edwards, Pres.,
Allen Potter,	Thomas S. Cobb,	Curtis W. Hall, Treas.
	1868.	
Alfred Thomas,	Henry E. Hoyt,	Frank Little. Sec.,
Latham Hull, Treas.,	Allen Potter, Pres.,	Thomas S. Cobb.
	1869.	
Frank Little, Sec.,	Alfred Thomas,	Henry E. Hoyt,
Abraham T. Metcalf,	Latham Hull, Treas.,	Allen Potter, Pres.
	1870.	
Fred. W. Curtenius, Pres.,	Frank Little, Sec.,	Alfred Thomas,
Charles L. Cobb,	Abraham T. Metcalf,	Latham Hull, Treas.

	1871.	
Latham Hull, Treas.,	Fred. W. Curtenius, Pres.,	Frank Little, Sec.,
William A. House,	Charles L. Cobb,	Abraham T. Metcalf.
	1872.	
Thomas S. Cobb,	Latham Hull, Treas.,	Fred. W. Curtenius, Pres.,
Homer O. Hitchcock,	William A. House,	David Fisher, Sec.
	1873.	
David Fisher, Sec.	Thomas S. Cobb,	Latham Hull, Treas..
Lebeus C. Chapin, Pres.,	Homer O. Hitchcock,	William A. House.
	1874.	
Latham Huil, Treas.,	David Fisher, Sec.,	Thomas S. Cobb,
J. Davidson Burns,	Lebeus C. Chapin, Pres.,	Homer O. Hitchcock.
	1875.	
Homer O. Hitchcock,	Latham Hull, Treas.,	David Fisher, Sec.,
John W. Breese (1 year),	J. Davidson Burns,	Lebeus C. Chapin, Pres.
	1876.	
David Fisher, Sec.,	Homer O. Hitchcock,	Latham Hull, Treas.,
Lebeus C. Chapin, Pres.,	Abraham T. Metcalf,	J. Davidson Burns.
	1877.	
J. Davidson Burns,	David Fisher, Sec.,	Homer O. Hitchcock.
Henry E. Hoyt, Treas.,	Lebeus C. Chapin. Pres..	Abraham T. Metcalf.

The Board of Education has been, throughout its whole history, a very harmonious body. This undoubtedly has resulted, in no small degree, from the action taken at the first annual meeting of the electors under the new law in 1859, which was held in the Court-House, and largely attended. It was then agreed that there should never be any partisan control of the schools, *but that both political parties should be equally represented on the Board.* With a single exception, in 1861, this compact has been adhered to.

In the year 1860 a District Library was established, accessible to children only. It has, from the start, been located in the office of the Board of Education; has been under their control and supported by school funds. In October, 1872, the Library was opened to all residents of the District, since which it has rapidly increased in popularity and usefulness. The register often shows as high as fifteen hundred persons drawing books. The number drawn per week averages about eight hundred. The library contains over 5,000 volumes, and increases by about 500 annually. The following persons have held the position of Librarian: Frank Little from 1860 to September, 1872; Mary J. Wolcott from 1872 to September, 1875; Isabella C. Roberts from September, 1875, to the present time.

The growth of the district has been steady and wholesome. The number of pupils of school age at the close of each period of five years, beginning with 1845 and extending to the present time, is as follows:

1845	368
1850	675
1855	948

1860	1,668
1865	2,151
1870	2,795
1875	3,139
1877	3,115

Of the pupils in the schools at the present time, about 10 per cent are in the High School, 25 per cent in the Grammar, and 65 per cent in the Primary grades.

In September, 1865, Mr. Putnam resigned the Superintendency, and was succeeded by Elisha A. Fraser, who held the position for eight years. He resigned in June, 1873, and was succeeded, July 16th, by Austin George, who is the present incumbent.

Up to the time of the opening of the Union house, the duties of Director and Superintendent were chiefly of a business character. At that time the number of teachers was largely increased to correspond with the increased accommodations, and the necessity for system and organization, and so for careful and intelligent supervision, became evident. The interests of the schools demanded an educationist, and so the positions of Superintendent and Principal of the High School were united, half time being given to each. The strictly business matters of the district were more and more attended to by the Committees of the Board, and matters purely educational by the Superintendent. In 1867, after the opening of the Lovel-street School, the demands upon the Superintendent became so numerous, and his duties in adjusting to harmonious relations the various interests of the schools so complex, that he was relieved of the Principalship of the High School, which was passed over to the associate Principal, and required to devote his entire time to the work of supervision, except as he should be directed to teach, from time to time, by the Board of Education.

In July, 1873, the Board requested the new Superintendent to revise the course of study, having in view to simplify it. There were twelve grades below the High School. These were changed to eight, and each grade divided into four quarters of ten weeks each. The classes have gradually been arranged along these quarters so that below the High School there are, on an average, more than one class on each quarter's work through the entire course.

This grading admits of the highest degree of flexibility and accommodation. If a pupil gets behind his class from sickness, absence, or inability, he is not put back in any strict sense of that term, for the next class below is so near that he is in reality overtaken, not put back. The schools can be readily re-adjusted, for the classes follow each other so closely, that, as a rule, the best scholars of any class are fully equal to the poorest in the next class above. Proper regard can also be

given to the individual pupil; should he get ahead of his class he can readily be passed on to the next.

Under the present system classes are promoted whenever they finish the work of a grade, and not at any regular time, as at the end of the school year. Every class is treated as a unit, and as some are brighter than others, or have more skiliful teachers, it follows that the times for completing the grades will vary with different classes. A change of room never of itself signifies promotion; both may occur at the same time, but only incidentally. The cause of a change of room is always the crowding out of classes from the lower rooms. The only exception to this is the transfer of pupils from the Grammar to the High School grades. The advantage of this system is that it accommodates the public who support the schools. Its internal results are seen in the filling up of the Grammar grades. In every community there are many children of Grammar-school age who are obliged to labor a portion of the year; under this system, having once been properly on the grade, they can always find classes just about where they belong, and so are encouraged to re-enter whenever their circumstances will permit.

In 1875 the nomenclature of the grading was somewhat simplified by the omission of the word "Intermediate," and the schools are now divided into three departments of four grades each, as follows: Primary, Grammar, and High School, in all twelve grades of one year each.

The grades of the School culminate in the High School; nearly every pupil who enters a Primary or Grammar grade expects, eventually, to become a pupil in the High School, and hopes to graduate therefrom. Its stimulating influence upon all the grades below is too wide-spread and deep-reaching to admit of computation; nor is it any less difficult to estimate its influence upon the community which sustains it. In one respect, however, its value and importance are easily recognized,—the number of teachers it has furnished, both from its graduates, and from those who have not completed any regular course, is surprisingly large. The graduating exercises excite a larger interest among the people of Kalamazoo than any other educational event of the year; the largest audience room attainable is far too small to hold those seeking admittance, and hundreds are turned away. The High School is not, to any great extent, a preparatory school to the University of Michigan; yet 15 per cent of its graduates, and some of its undergraduates, have entered the University, while several have gone to other colleges.

The following is a list by classes of all who have graduated from the High School, with the year of their graduation and the average age

of each class on the day of graduating. Those marked with a * have pursued or are pursuing the business of teaching:

CLASS OF 1863.

*Eliza E. Ensign, Mrs. Lucius Elder, - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Fannie O. Guernsey, Teacher, - - - - "
*Clara A. Kennicutt, Elocutionist, - - - "
Walter O. Balch, L.L.B. Univ. Mich. 1866; died Kalamazoo, Dec. 2, 1876.
*Frank Bradley, A.B. Univ. Mich. '69; M. E. clergyman, *South Lyon.*
*I. Newton Otis, A. B. Univ. Mich. '67; Pres. " *Stillwater, Minn.*
*William J. Stuart, A. B. Univ. Mich. '67; Att'y at Law, *Grand Rapids.*
Frank I. Kellogg, A. B. Racine Col. '67, Lumber Man'fr, *Kalamazoo.*
Average age, 18 years, 4 months, 4 days.

CLASS OF 1864.

*Sarah E. Beach, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Minneapolis, Minn.*
*Nellie M. Burton, Mrs. Walter O. Balch, widow, *Golconda, Ill.*
*Sarah Haley, Mrs. Henry E. Roach, died St. Louis, Mo., April 1, 1877.
*Frances Hill, Teacher, - - - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Libbie N. Ransom, Mrs. Charles E. Otis, - - *St. Paul, Minn.*
*Isabella C. Roberts, Librarian, Public Library, - *Kalamazoo.*
*Sarah M. Wadhams, Mrs. Austin George, - - "
*Martha C. Warner, Mrs. John Follmer, - - *Muskegon.*
Arthur W. Haydon, Farmer, - - - - *Decatur.*
Albert Little, Farmer, Justice of the Peace, - - *Richland.*
Francis W. Underwood, Commercial Traveler, - *Kalamazoo.*
Average age, 19 years, 18 days.

CLASS OF 1865.

Henrietta A. Carder, Mrs. William H. Clark, - *Kalamazoo.*
*Elizabeth J. Darling, Mrs. Melville J. Bigelow, - "
Alice Edsell, died Otsego, March 28, 1867.
Average age, 19 years, 1 month, 6 days.

CLASS OF 1866.

*Rebecca M, Allen, Mrs. J. W. West, widow, - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Alethea Cobb, Mrs, Albert Whipple, - - "
*Aurilla Everett, Mrs. H. S. Butler, - - *DesMoines, Ia.*
*Lizzie Rollins. Mrs. John A. Hoffman, - - *Kalamazoo.*
Ella M. Thomas, Mrs. S. E. Andrus, - - *Cedar Springs.*
Belno A. Brown, P. E. Clergyman - - *Lawrence, Mass.*
George C. Winslow, Marble Dealer, - - *Kalamazoo.*
Average age, 18 years, 10 months.

CLASS OF 1867.

*Emma M. Bostwick, Mrs. Mortimer Cahill, - *Sterling, Ill.*

CLASS OF 1867—*Continued.*

*Anna J. Jannasch, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Kalamazoo.*
*Agnes E. Stacey, Mrs. Stephen Tolhurst, - "
*Grace Wallace, B. S., Albion College '72, Mrs. I. Wilcox, *Phœnix.*
Mortimer Cahill, Farm Tool Manufacturer, - - *Sterling, Ill.*
William Thompson, Farmer, - - - *Gun Plains.*
Average age, 20 years, 1 month, 11 days.

CLASS OF 1868.

*Herbert G. Denison, A. B., Olivet College '72; Teaching, *Ripon, Wis.*
Howard J. Harrington, - - - *New York.*
Dolson J. Mills, - - - - - *Iowa.*
*Fannie M. Warner, Mrs. William Glew, died Muskegon, 1873.
*Mary E. Warner, Mrs. John McCracken, - - *Muskegon.*
*Sarah L. Balch, Teacher, - - - - *Oshtemo.*
Jane M. Balch, Mrs. Albert Kellogg, - - "
*Nettie Henshaw, Teacher, - - - *Grand Rapids.*
*Lottie Finch, Mrs. Charles F. Barnard - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Mary E. Knerr, Mrs. John Baldwin - - "
*Addie M. Ingersoll, Teaching, Public Schools, Dowagiac, "
*Harriet E. Wallace, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Jackson.*
Average age, 19 years, 9 months, 22 days.

CLASS OF 1869.

Edwin R. Burrell, Carriage Manufacturer - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Ross A. Ingersoll, Teacher, Kalamazoo County. "
George D. Taylor, Nurseryman, - - - "
*Frank W. Denison, A. B. Olivet Col. '73; Teaching, *Marshall, Wis.*
*Amelia A. Coleman, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Kalamazoo.*
Ida F. Knappen, Teaching Music, - - *Battle Creek.*
*Ellen Lincoln, - - - - *Kalamazoo.*
*I. May Little, Mrs. John A. Weeks, - - *Yankton, Dakota.*
May Potter, Mrs. J. J. Knight, - - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Anna Stilwell, Mrs. Fred C. Hall, - - - *Allegan.*
*Hattie E. Wadhams, Teacher, - - - *Chicago, Ill.*
*Josephine A. Wilcox, Mrs. Joseph H. Phillips, - "
Average age, 18 years, 6 months, 13 days.

CLASS OF 1870.

Charles W. Cutler, Law Student, Univ. Mich. Died 1871.
Oscar T. Jannasch, L.L. B., Univ. Mich. '72; Att'y at Law, *E. Saginaw.*
*Jennie E. Tyndall, - - - - *Albany, N. Y.*
*Maria E. Balch, Mrs. Lucien Axtell, - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Anna E. Fletcher, Mrs. A. C. Wortley, - - "
*Flora A. McMartin, Mrs. Lewis Sargeant, - - "

CLASS OF 1870—*Continued.*

*Juliet E. Eldridge, Mantua-maker, - - *Ann Arbor.*
*Mary J. Clapp, Mrs. F. M. Sibley, - - - *Detroit.*
*Genevieve M. Babcock, Teaching, Public Schools, *Kalamazoo.*
*Esca A. Babcock, Teacher and Organist, - - "
*Florence G. Balch, Mrs. Alfred J. Mills, - *Paw Paw.*
Eliza P. Balch, - - - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Emma Smith, Teacher, - - - "

Average age, 19 years, 6 months, 2 days.

CLASS OF 1871.

*Ency Coleman, Teaching, Public Schools, - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Ella F. Edmonds, - - - *Leroy, Minn.*
*Minnie M. Lockhart, Mrs. A. R. Mosier, - - *Chicago, Ill.*
Caroline I. Hubbard, M. S., Univ. Mich. '76, - *Kalamazoo.*
*Emma Fletcher, Mrs. Charles S. Thomas, - *Denver, Col.*
*Harriet Winslow, B. S., Univ. Mich. '75, - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Emma M. Smith, Mrs. Philo W. Goodrich, - *Cooper.*
Clara A. Fleming, Student, Univ. Mich; died Ann Arbor, Nov. 2, 1872.

Average age, 18 years, 5 months, 12 days.

CLASS OF 1872.

*Anson P. DeWolf, A. B., Univ. Mich. '76, - - *Prairieville.*
DeLacy Latta, Clerk, - - - *Kalamazoo.*
Edward H. Ranney, A. B., Univ. Mich. '76; Student of Law, "
Ed. L. Winslow, Marble Dealer, - - "
I. Nat Wattles, L.L. B., Univ. Mich. '74; Att'y at Law, "
*Maria Hemenover, Teaching, Public Schools, - "
Mary H. Hubbard, Ph. B., Univ. Mich. '77, - "
Emma Lincoln, - - - "
*Carrie M. Swezey, Teaching, Public Schools, - "
*E. Jennie Parker, " " " - "
*Martha Howland, - - - - *Barry.*
Lilian Otis, - - - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Florence Sidney Smith, - - - "

Average age, 18 years, 10 months, 15 days.

CLASS OF 1873.

Charles F. May, Editorial Staff, *Tribune*, - - *Detroit.*
Orr Schurtz, Student, Univ. Mich., - - *Constantine.*
Reuben Schurtz, M. D., Univ. Mich. '76; Physician, - *Cory.*
Ida D. Southard, Mrs. John McKee, Jr., - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Ruth J. Warner, Teaching, Public Schools, - - *Muskegon.*

Average age, 19 years, 6 months, 28 days.

CLASS OF 1874.

*Etta I. Bostwick, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Kalamazoo.*
*Libbie E. McNaughton, - - - *Galesburg.*
Sarah A. Keech, Book-keeper, - - *Kalamazoo.*
Minnie E. Bennett, Mrs. Edward H. Brooks, - - *Cassopolis.*
*Flora A. Guthrie, Student, Michigan State Normal, *Kalamazoo.*
*Georgeanna Russell, Teaching, Public Schools, *New York City.*
Lucy A. Goss, - - - *Chicago, Ill.*
Minnie K. May, Student, Kalamazoo College, - *Kalamazoo.*
Anna F. Cobb, - - - - - - "
*Etta G. Thayer, Teaching, Public Schools, - "
Average age, 19 years, 1 month, 4 days.

CLASS OF 1875.

Jessie Tyler, Assistant, Public Library, - - *Kalamazoo.*
Joel Tyler, Student, Kalamazoo College, - - "
Average age, 19 years, 23 days.

CLASS OF 1876.

Frank P. S. Crane, Student, Union College, N. Y. *Middletown, N. Y.*
Charles Welman Hitchcock, Student, Univ. Mich., - *Kalamazoo.*
*Retta C. Andrews, Teaching, Public Schools, - "
Mary C. Andrus, - - - - - "
*Emma A. Balch, Teaching, Public Schools, - "
*Ella G. Coney, Teaching, - - - *Atalissa, Ia.*
*Jennie Glover, - - - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Mollie Harrigan, Teaching, - - - *Evart.*
*May L. Kennedy, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Kalamazoo.*
Clara F. Kingsley, - - - - - "
Mary Koehle, - - - - - "
*Frances E. Little, Teaching, Public Schools, - "
Cornelia E. May - - - - - *Detroit.*
*Flora S. Mook, Teaching, Public Schools, - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Mary L. Remington, Teaching, Private School, - "
*Lucy Richmond, - - - - - *Detroit.*
Marian A. Titus, died Colorado Springs, September 5, 1877.
Average age, 19 years, 8 months, 13 days.

CLASS OF 1877.

James Nelson Ayers, Student of Pharmacy, Univ. Mich., *Kalamazoo.*
Bayard Taylor Carter, - - - - - "
William Daniel Hunter, - - - - "
Edward Israel, Student, Univ. Mich., - - "
Homer Hitchcock Kingsley, Student, Univ. Mich., "
Chester Montague Kingsley, " Kalamazoo College, "

CLASS OF 1877—*Continued.*

Addison Julius Latta,	*Kalamazoo.*
Fred Sabin Nichols,	"
Dwight Horace St. John,	"
*Henry Quimby Turner, Teaching,	*Portage.*
Rachel Pratt Babcock,	*Kalamazoo.*
Clara Balch, Student, Training Class,	"
Isabell May Bowen, Student, Training Class,	"
Kate Barbor Clark,	*Comstock.*
*Ida Frances Hall, Student, Training Class,	*Kalamazoo.*
*Abbie Estella Jackson.	*Comstock.*
Catharine Agnes McSweeney, Student, Training Class,	"
Marion Eliza Tyrrell,	"
Mabel Clara Wood, Student, Training Class,	"

Average age, 18 years, 11 months, 1 day.

SUMMARY:—Number of graduates, 146. Young men, 42; young women, 104. Number of young men who have taught, is 8; young women, 73; total, 81. Percent: Young men, 20; young women, 70; of the whole number, 55. Number of graduates who are known to be teaching at the present time, 26, or 19 per cent. The number of those who have gone out from the High School as teachers is probably larger than the entire list of graduates.

In view of the large number of our students who each year enter upon the responsible and delicate duties of teaching with no other preparation than mere scholarship, a Training School was organized as a department of the High School, and opened in September, 1875. From the nature of the case it was something of an experiment, but a hopeful one and full of promise to the pupils and the future of the schools. Its success has been such that it is now established as a permanent feature of the schools.

The following is a list of those who have graduated from the Training School. The first year several members of the Senior Class of the High School were allowed to enter the Training Class, eight of whom completed the course; they are indicated by the †, and reference is thereby made to the list of High School graduates; the * indicates that they have pursued or are pursuing the business of teaching:

CLASS OF 1876.

*Mattie C Abbott, Mrs. John Cuatt,	*Albion.*
†*Retta C. Andrews.	
†Mary C. Andrus.	
†*Emma A. Balch.	
†*Ella G. Coney.	

†*Jennie Glover.
*Nina L. Goodrich, Teacher, - - - - *Mattawan.*
†*Mollie Harrigan.
*Flora D. Hemenover, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Kalamazoo.*
†*May L. Kennedy.
†*Flora S. Mook.
*Gussie L. Pearce, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Kalamazoo.*
*Lulu St. C. Tuthill, Teaching, Female Seminary, - *Detroit.*
*Susie E. Woodhams, - - - *Kalamazoo.*

Average age, 20 years, 4 months, 2 days.

CLASS OF 1877.

*Mary Faunce Britton, Teaching, Public Schools, - *Kalamazoo.*
*Lucy Matilda Fay, " " " "
*Belle Luella Jackson, " " " - *Richland.*
†*Frances Eugenia Little.
*Augusta Pratt, Mrs. Frank Curtiss, - - *Kalamazoo.*
*Agnes Emeline Warrant, Teaching, Public Schools - *Mendon.*
*Nancy Catharine Vandewalker, Teaching, - *Portage.*

Average age, 22 years, 1 month, 28 days.

The establishment of a Normal class in connection with the High School is not wholly a new idea. February 3d, 1863, the President of the Board of Education was directed by vote of the Board "to draft a memorial to the Legislature praying for power to add a Normal department to the High School, and for an appropriation of swamp lands for the same, in accordance with the recommendation of the State Superintendent." In the early circulars of the Schools occurs the following: "Special instruction will be given in the form of reviews and familiar lectures to such as wish to fit themselves for teaching. A limited number will be allowed, under the special supervision of the Superintendent, to teach model classes in the lower departments. Such practice is the only sure way of acquiring the art of teaching." It does not appear, that anything ever came of the memorial; and the practice-teaching was confined mainly to the doing of substitute work by advanced pupils for regular teachers temporarily absent. These items, however, are of interest as showing that the present Training School, fully organized and equipped, is the realized substance whose coming cast its shadow so many years before.

Two formal re-unions of the High School graduates have taken place. The first was held in June, 1867, at the High School hall, Walter O. Balch, of the class of '63, President. The literary exercises consisted of an oration by I. Newton Otis, and a poem by Fannie O.

Guernsey, both of the class of '63. The next meeting occurred in June, 1876, at the same place, George D. Taylor, of the class of '69, President. Ross A. Ingersoll, class of '69, delivered an oration, and Florence S. Smith, class of '72, read a poem. After the literary entertainment a banquet was served in the rooms below by the ladies of the various classes, at the close of which numerous toasts were given and suitably responded to. The attendance was large and the occasion thoroughly enjoyable. Of the 127 who had graduated up to that time, 57 were present, together with many family friends, the Superintendent of Schools, members of the Board of Education, and resident clergy; the six graduates of the Training School, who were not members of the other High School classes, were included in the invitation and were also in attendance. It was unanimously voted that a re-union of the Alumni be held regularly every three years, and the next meeting was appointed for June, 1879.

Besides the public schools, Kalamazoo had private schools almost from the start. In the Autumn of 1835, the Michigan and Huron Institute was located here, and soon after opened its doors for the reception of pupils. Its early teachers were such men as Marsh, Clark, Balch, Alden, and Dutton; and in 1843, Dr. J. A. B. Stone took charge. This Institute was for a time a branch of the University, and in 1855 was transformed into Kalamazoo College. Prior to the opening of the female department of the College, a girls' school of a high character was for some years maintained by Mrs. L. H. Stone.

In the *Michigan Statesman*—a newspaper published by Henry Gilbert, and which afterwards became the *Kalamazoo Gazette*—under date of January 23d, 1836, there appeared a request for the Temperance Society of Arcadia to meet at *Mr. Hall's School-room* Wednesday Eve., Jan. 27th, 1836. During the years 1845-9 successful private schools were kept by Rev. Mr. Richards, J. W. Breese, and others.

Schools were, however, by no means the only educational force of the early day. In the same number of the *Statesman* above referred to, there was published the following notice:

"The members of the Kalamazoo Lyceum are requested to meet at the school-house on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26th, 1836.

Question:—"Is Slavery a greater evil than Intemperance."

A general attendance is solicited.

A. CAMERON, *Secretary*."

The school-house spoken of was the one on South street, where the Synagogue now stands. At the next meeting an elaborate constitution was presented by a committee composed of George W. Winslow and oth-

ers, and A. Goodrich was elected President, and H. Owen, Secretary. In the village paper, from week to week, may be found the questions discussed. A glance at a few of them discloses their striking resemblance to those with which the youth of the present day are accustomed to wrestle: "Does the female sex exert a greater influence in society than the male?" "Ought the naturalization of foreigners to be allowed?" "Is there sufficient evidence in Nature to prove the immortality of the soul?" "Are manufactures more profitable to the United States than commerce?" "Ought capital punishment to be inflicted in any case?" "Ought imprisonment for debt to be abolished?" "Ought a person to be excluded from testifying in a court on account of belief or disbelief in a Supreme Being?" etc. All these propositions were decided in the negative, except the one looking to the abolishment of imprisonment for debt. Since this first Lyceum, there have been numerous debating societies in Kalamazoo. In 1863, the Union Lyceum was organized among the pupils of the High School. It has existed, with one or two intermissions of a year or so, to the present time. It is now known as the "Union Literary Society," and is in a flourishing condition.

This sketch and accompanying tables have been prepared with considerable care and no small expenditure of time and labor. It would be too much to hope that no mistakes had crept in, and that no errors existed; they are believed, however, to be substantially correct. The minutes of the early districts were loosely kept, and were considered of so little importance that no care was taken to preserve them. The records now in existence are chiefly those kept by the town clerks, and are incomplete and fragmentary; but they indicate the growth of the districts and define their boundaries before the Union system was established, and enable one to gather some valuable items, and, from the appropriations of public money, to compute the number of children in the village at different dates.

To the old settlers who have aided in furnishing items of the early times, thanks are hereby returned; acknowledgment in many particulars is due to Mrs. Charles Gibbs, who kept a diary through the pioneer days.

The following list of the teachers in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, from their origin in 1833 down to the present time, has been prepared, —some of the early ones may have been omitted, as no official records could be found of an earlier date than 1852:

LIST OF TEACHERS.

The names of Superintendents and Principals are in small capitals; the names of those who taught only as substitutes, or temporarily, are omitted from this list. Graduates from the High and Training School classes are indicated in the column of remarks, and reference is made to the lists of those classes for further particulars.

SUPERINTENDENTS.

NAME.	CAME.	WENT.	REMARKS.
DANIEL PUTNAM,	April, 1857	September, 1865.	Prof. of Pedagogy, Normal School, Ypsilanti.
ELISHA A. FRASER,	September, 1865.	June, 1873	Attorney at Law, Detroit.
AUSTIN GEORGE,	July, 1873		

HIGH SCHOOL.

DANIEL PUTNAM	August, 1858	September, 1865.	See Superintendents.
HORACE HALBERT,	December, 1858	May, 1862	Farmer; County officer, Howell, Mich.
Miss S. M. C. Woodward,	December, 1858	June, 1860	English; Mrs. Dr. Thrasher, Oakland, Cal.
Mrs. Lucy D. Lyman,	Sept. 1859 / Sept. 1863	" " / " 1864	English; Brattleboro, Vt.
Caroline M. Toby,	September, 1860.	April, 1861	Mrs. C. D. Hanscomb, Kalamazoo.
Helen M. Rice,	September, 1860.	June, 1861	Mrs. H. M. Nash, Teaching, Little Rock, Ark.
Mary E. Rice	April, 1861	May, 1862	English; Mrs. Truax, Grand Rapids.
Fanny M. Webb,	April, 1862	" "	English; New Bedford, Mass.
Mons. Le Roy,	September, 1861.	" "	Teacher of French.
Emeline Whitney,	September, 1862.	June, 1866	Preceptress; Teaching, St Mary's Hall, Faribault, Minn
ALBERT N. PRENTISS,	September, 1862.	March, 1863	Prof. Botany, Cornell University.
AUSTIN GEORGE,	March, 1863	June, 1864	Superintendent of Schools, Kalamazoo.
A. Rudolph Bretzel,	September, 1863.	" 1874	Teaching Music, Big Rapids.
Addie M. Eaton,	" "	" 1865	Mrs. Harrison Davis, Chicago, Ill.
I. Newton Otis,	" "	" 1864	Graduate of High School.
Anna M. Lockwood,	" 1864.	" 1865	English; Teaching, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
ELISHA A. FRASER,	" "	September, 1865.	See Superintendents.
N. H. WINCHELL,	" 1865.	June, 1866	State Geologist, Minnesota.
Josephine L. Taggart,	" "	June, 1866	Mathematics.
Helen M. Shepherd,	Sept. 1866 / Sept. 1869 / Jan. 1871	June, 1868 / June, 1870 / March, 1871	Preceptress, Higher English; Mrs. Sandford Crane, Kalamazoo.
CECIL S. FRASER,	September, 1866.	June, 1867	Attorney at Law, Port Huron.

Mary R. Gordon,	September, 1866.	June, 1876	Mathematics five years; appointed Preceptress April, 1871; acting Principal from Jan. to June, 1865; died June 25, 1876.
R. H. TRIPP,	September, 1867.	December, 1874	Public schools, Racine, Wis.; student Univ. Mich.
Miss A. A. Champney,	September, 1868.	June, 1869	Preceptress, Higher English.
Emma A. Bryant,	September, 1870.	November, 1870.	Preceptress, Higher English; Died, Nov. 12, 1871.
Martha A. Rogers,	April, 1871		Mathematics.
Fannie Z. Lovell,	September, 1874.	June, 1877	French, German and History; Climax.
Wilbur B. Buzzell,	February, 1875	June, 1875	Latin and Greek; Vermont University.
Julia M. Stanclift,	September, 1875.		Principal of Training School Department.
ELIAS J. MCEWAN,	September, 1875.	June, 1877	Student of Law, Kalamazoo.
Carrie M. Swezey	November, 1876.		Registrar; Latin and English; Graduate High School.
HENRY C. MCDOUGALL,	September, 1877.		Latin and Greek.
Emma L. Baker,	" "		Preceptress, French and Higher English.
Amelia A. Herring,	" "		German and English.

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Eliza Coleman,	Summer, 1833	Fall, 1833	Mrs. Rodney Seymour, Kalamazoo.
Mr. Barnard,	Fall, 1833	Spring, 1834	Deceased.
Miss White,	Summer, 1834	Fall, 1834	
Ebnezer G. Flanders,	Summer, 1835	Fall, 1835	Died—Comstock, January, 1877.
Dwight C. Grimes,	Fall, 1835	Spring, 1836	Physician, Plainwell.
Mr. Blakeman,	Summer, 1836	Fall, 1836	
Mr. Giddings,	Fall, 1836	Spring, 1837	Deceased.
Mr. Parkhurst,	Spring, 1837	Fall, 1837	Died—Otsego, 1848.
Walter Clark,	Fall, 1837	Spring, 1838	Died—Kalamazoo, January 22, 1842.
Celestia Hinsdale,	Summer, 1838 / Summer, 1839	Fall, 1838 / Fall, 1839	Chicago, Ill.
Silas Hubbard,	Fall, 1838 / Fall, 1839	Spring, 1839 / Spring, 1840	Paper Manufacturer, Kalamazoo.
Catherine S. Hays,	Summer, 1840 / Summer, 1841	Fall, 1840 / Fall, 1841	Mrs. Charles Gibbs, Kalamazoo.
Asa Eastland,	Fall, 1843	Spring, 1844	Deceased.
Lydia J. Hays,	Summer, 1844 / Summer, 1845	Fall, 1844 / Fall, 1845	Mrs. Jno. Penfield; Died, Rantoul, Ill., March 25, 1857.
George E. Bates,	Fall, 1844	Spring, 1845	Died—Schoolcraft, January 6, 1858.
Emily Brush,	April, 1845	October, 1845	
Miss Wood,	Uncertain.	Uncertain.	
Elias Cooley,	"	"	M. E. Clergyman, Ionia.
Amos C. Roberts,	Fall, 1847	Spring, 1848	Died - Kalamazoo, Oct. 13, 1848.
Frank Hubbard,	April, 1848	May, 1852	Kalamazoo.
Horace Clapp,	November, 1848.	April, 1849	Merchant, Allegan.
Sophia Dolson,	May, 1849	September, 1849.	Mrs. L. F. Andrews, Minn.
Mr. Sherman,	November, 1849.	April, 1850	
Maria Hydenberk,	May, 1850	September, 1850.	Kalamazoo.

NAME.	CAME.	WENT.	REMARKS.
Lewis J. Porter,	November, 1850.	April, 1851	Deceased.
Elizabeth L. Pool,	May, 1851 May, 1853	Sept. 1851 Oct. 1853	
George F. Needham,	November, 1851.	September, 1852.	
Thomas W. Long,	Nov. 1851 Nov. 1853	April, 1852 April, 1854	
Frances Whaley,	May 1852 April, 1854	April, 1853 August, 1854	
Miss Barrows,	November, 1852.	May, 1854	Mrs. O. E. Mather.
Albert Ford,	" "	May, 1853	Water-wheel Manufacturer, Mt. Morris, N. Y.
Geo. L. Otis,	November, 1852.	May, 1853	Attorney at Law, St. Paul, Minn.
E. S. Whittemore,	November, 1852.	March, 1853	
Alice Whaley,	November, 1852.	May, 1853	
Martha A. Chapine,	May, 1853 Nov. 1853	October, 1853 Sept. 1854	
Ann E. Bellows,	May, 1853 May, 1854	October, 1853 Sept. 1854	
Adeline L. Kent,	May, 1853.	October, 1853	
Edmond B. Gray,	November, 1853.	August, 1854	Springfield, Ill.
Ada Turner,	December, 1853.	April, 1854	Mrs. K. B. Gray, Springfield, Ill.
George E. Chapine,	December, 1853.	May, 1854	Deceased.
Margaret Bogardus,	May, 1854	September, 1854.	Mrs. Frederick W. Wilcox, Kalamazoo.
Lucy Emerson,	" "	September, 1854.	Kalamazoo.
Caroline E. Hicks,	Sept., 1854 Sept., 1869	June, 1861 ———	
Maria Rathborn,	May, 1855	September, 1855.	
Ellen Utley,	May, 1855	September, 1855.	Mrs. E. Converse, merchant, Williamston.
Ephraim A. Otis,	September, 1855.	June, 1857	Attorney at Law, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Grover,	September, 1854.	May, 1856	
Ellen E. Carpenter,	May, 1856	June, 1858	Mrs. J. K. Wagner, Kalamazoo.
Ellen E. Thomas,	September, 1856.	June, 1857	Mrs. F. J. Atwell, Dowagiac.
Eliza J. Williams,	Sept. 1856 Sept. 1869	June, 1860 June, 1873	Kendall.
Louisa V. Smith,	Sept. 1856	June, 1860	Mrs. L. E. Bryant, Washington, D. C.
Lucy E. Hurd,	March, 1857	June, 1858	Mrs. Bunker.
Mary E. Hill,	April, 1857	July, 1857	Mrs. G. W. Low, Erie, Penn.
Miss Bronson,	April, 1857	July, 1857	
Willard F. Guernsey,	September, 1857.	June, 1860	Died—Kalamazoo, Aug. 2, 1877.
Mary A. Fuller,	September, 1857.	June, 1858	
Mary A. Parker,	Feb. 1858 Nov. 1859 Jan. 1869 Nov. 1874	April, 1858 June, 1860 June, 1871 June, 1875	Mrs. Henry J. Brownell, Kalamazoo.

Rafella Everett,	March, 1858	January, 1860	Mrs. Wm. Butler, Santa Barbara, Cal.
Helen M Rice,	March, 1858 — Sept. 1861	June, 1860 — June, 1862	Mrs. Nash, in High School one year; Little Rock, Ark.
Anna M. Lockwood	September, 1858.	June, 1859	In High School one year.
Mis S. A. E. Walton,	" "	October, 1858	
Mary C. French,	" "	June, 1865	Teaching, Chicago, Ill.
Nancy Cahill,	October, 1858	June, 1859	Mrs. Isaac Cox, Portage.
Lucy D. Howard,	November, 1858.	" "	Mrs. Lucy D. Lyman, transferred to High School.
Ellen A. Huston,	" "	" "	Mrs. George Stewart, Kalamazoo.
Clara Freeman,	February, 1859	" "	Mrs. Wm. M. Ransom, Memphis, Tenn.
Mary A. Starkey,	April, 1859	" 1867	Died—Kalamazoo, May 8, 1870.
Eliza Sleeper,	January, 1859	" 1860	Mrs. Chas. L. Rounds, Kalamazoo.
Louise H. Walbridge,	January, 1858	" "	Buffalo, N. Y.
Louisa Thompson,	September, 1859.	" "	Mrs. Russell Harrison, Kalamazoo.
Elizabeth B. Estey,	November, 1859.	" 1862	Mrs. Geo. C. Hinckley, Boston, Mass.
Miss H. M. Gleason,	January, 1860	" 1860	
Elizabeth Cornelius,	" "	" 1861	Deceased.
Sarah C. Coffin,	September, 1860.	" 1861	
Mary E. Stanley,	" "	March, 1864	Mrs. Martin Post, Sacramento, Cal.
Sarah S. Harrington,	" "	June, 1864	New York.
Emeline Whitney,	" "	" 1862	Transferred to High School.
Emma W. Littlejohn,	" "	" 1865	Jackson.
Sabina Campbell,	" "	" 1861	Mrs. John M. Sterling, Grand Trunk Junction.
Mrs. Horace Halbert,	" "	" 1861	Howell.
Miss Woodbury,	" "	November, 1860.	
Cornelia Roberts,	" "	June, 1861	Teaching, Des Moines, Iowa.
Miss A. F. Wright,	December, 1860	" 1861	
Abby M. Goss,	September, 1861.	" 1862	Mrs. Wm. Sloo, Cairo, Ill.
Frances E. Goodell,	" "	" 1864	Died—Westboro, Mass., September 2, 1872.
Sareph W. Symonds,	" "	" 1866	Mrs. Wilson, Cooper.
Helen L. Healey,	" "	" 1862	Mrs. J. Wm. Boardman, Kalamazoo.
Mary E. Ensign,	" "	March, 1862	Mrs. Joseph Gill, Missionary to India.
Maria Coffin,	April, 1862	June, 1863	
Mary E. Baker,	October, 1861	June, 1863	
Augusta S. Russell,	September, 1862.	March, 1864	New York.
Minnie P. French,	" "	June, 1864	Mrs. Kellogg, Teaching, Chicago, Ill.
Josephine A. Bartholomew,	" "	" 1865	Mrs. Robert F. Hill, Detroit.
Henrietta Carpenter,	" "	" 1865	Mrs. Sheldon, Teaching, Detroit.
Fannie O. Guernsey,	Sept. 1862 — Sept. 1868 — Sept. 1873	" 1864 — " 1870 — " 1876	Graduate of High School.
Marietta Coon,	Sept. 1862 — Sept. 1867	" 1864 — " 1868	Merchant, Baldwin.
Helen M. Shepherd,	September, 1863.	" 1866	Transferred to High School.
Nellie M. Burton,	April, 1864	" 1864	Graduate of High School.
Marion S. Cobb,	April, 1864	" 1865	Mrs. Virgil Van Vleck, Ionia.
Fanny W. Webb,	September, 1863.	" 1864	In High School one term.
Clara A. Kennicutt,	" "	" 1864	Graduate of High School.

NAME.	CAME.	WENT.	REMARKS.
Isabella C. Roberts,	September, 1863	April, 1864	Graduate of High School.
Eliza E. Ensign,	September, 1863	June, 1864	" " " "
Maria L. Robinson,	Sept. 1863	" 1864	Lockport, N. Y.
	Sept. 1871	" 1872	
Etta M. Swaddle,	September, 1863	December, 1864	Mrs. Wm. Wightman, Evart.
Sarah M. Wadhams,	September, 1864	June, 1868	Graduate of High School.
Mary E. Borgardus,	" 1864	" 1865	Died—Kalamazoo, Sept. 12, 1865.
Emma A. Bryant,	" 1864	" 1870	Transferred to High School.
Sarah Haley,	" 1864	" 1867	Graduate of High School.
H. Delamere Rowley,	" 1864	" 1872	Mrs. Anderson, Teaching, California.
Libbie N. Ransom,	" 1864	" 1869	Graduate of High School.
Sarah E. Beach,	" 1864	" 1869	" " " "
	" 1870	" 1873	
Emily Robinson,	" 1864	" 1866	
Sarah Swaddle,	" 1864	" 1865	Mrs. John Farley, Kalamazoo.
Elizabeth Thayer,	" 1864	" 1865	Chicago, Ill.
Sarah M. Daly,	" 1865	" 1866	West Avon, N. Y.
Frances Hill,	" 1865	" 1870	Graduate of High School.
Addie M. Ingersoll,	" 1865	June, 1866	" " " "
	" 1868	Nov. 1871	
	" 1874	June, 1877	
Susan A. Pratt,	" 1865	" 1872	Merchant, Kalamazoo.
Emma L. Sebring,	" 1865	" 1868	Kalamazoo.
Frances E. Carpenter,	" 1865	" 1870	Mrs. Levi Smith, Troy, N. Y.
Emma J. Strimbeck,	April, 1871	" 1871	Died—Kalamazoo, October 27, 1875.
	Sept. 1865	" 1868	
	" 1874	Sept. 1875	
Lydia Coon,	" 1866	June, 1869	Mrs. Arthur Brown, Kalamazoo.
Aurilla Everett,	" 1866	" 1869	Graduate of High School.
Lizzie Rollins,	" 1866	" 1870	" " " "
Cordelia P. Carpenter,	" 1866	December, 1867	Mrs. Everard Eells, Middlebury, N. Y.
Mary J. Starr,	" 1866		
Alethea Cobb,	" 1866	June, 1870	Graduate of High School.
	Nov. 1874	March, 1875	
Rebecca M. Allen,	September, 1866	June, 1867	" " " "
Nancy E. Stuart,	" 1866	" 1867	Kalamazoo.
Josephine Kenyon,	" 1866	" 1867	
Clara Stimson,	" 1866	" 1868	
Ellen Bell,	" 1866	" 1868	
Julia S. Bryant,	" 1867	" 1871	Mrs. Emmet Coon, Baldwin.
Sylvia Burgess,	" 1867	" 1870	Teacher, Schoolcraft.
Mary A. McNeal,	" 1867	" 1868	Mrs. Joseph J. Cassel, El Paso, Ill.
Emma Bostwick,	" 1867	" 1871	Graduate of High School.

Ella C. Hogeboom,	{Sept. 1867 {Sept. 1872	June, 1871 June, 1874	B. S. Univ. Mich., 1877. Teaching, Pennsylvania.
Grace Wallace,	September, 1867	June, 1868	Graduate of High School.
Loretta Townley,	" 1867	December, 1867	
Lottie Barker,	" 1868	June, 1870	Died, Laporte, Ind., Fall, 1873.
Mrs. Fanny Emmett,	" 1868	March, 1875	Ypsilanti.
Fanny M. Warner,	" 1868	June, 1869	Graduate of High School.
Mary E. Warner,	" 1868	June, 1869	" " " "
Emma Wright,	" 1868	March, 1870	Teaching Public Schools, Detroit.
Jennie Billinghurst,	" 1868	March, 1870	Mrs. Ira Joy, Galesburg.
Anna J. Jannasch,	" 1868		Graduate of High School.
Augusta Cornell,	" 1868	December, 1871	Mrs. Osborne, Franklin, Penn.
I. May Little,	" 1869	June, 1872	Graduate of High School.
Amelia A. Coleman,	{Sept. 1869 {April, 1877	June, 1876	{Graduate of High School; Critic-teacher in Training School from June, 1875.
Hattie E. Wadhams,	September, 1869		Graduate of High School.
Josephine A. Wilcox,	{Sept. 1869 {January, 1874	June, 1870	" " " "
Anna Stilwell,	September, 1869	" 1871	" " " "
Julia A. Fox,	" 1869	" 1874	
Harriet Barnes,	" 1870	" 1871	Mrs. J. W. Rose, Kalamazoo.
Adelia Clapp,	" 1870	" 1870	
Genevieve M. Babcock,	" 1870	" 1871	Kalamazoo.
Mary J. Clapp,	{April, 1874	" 1872	Graduate of High School.
Theresa Gould,	September, 1870	June, 1872	" " " "
Anna E. Fletcher,	" 1870	" 1871	
Ellen Lincoln,	" 1870	" 1872	Graduate of High School.
Flora McMartin,	{January, 1874	" 1874	" " " "
Esca A. Babcock,	September, 1870	" 1873	" " " "
Louie L. Andrus,	" 1870	" 1874	" " " "
Emma Smith,	" 1870	" 1874	Quincy.
Florence G. Balch,	{April, 1875	" 1875	Graduate of High School.
Emma Fletcher,	September, 1870	" 1874	Graduate of High School.
Emma M. Smith,	{" 1870 {" 1873	" 1871	" " " "
Minnie M. Lockhart,	April, 1871	March, 1877	" " " "
Juliet E. Eldridge,	September, 1871	June, 1874	" " " "
Fannie Earle,	" 1871	December, 1873	" " " "
Fannie A. Harper,	" 1871	June, 1872	Richland.
Jennie E. Tyndall,	" 1871	February, 1872	Student, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
Sarah Andrus,	" 1871	October, 1871	Graduate of High School.
Maria L. Otis,	" 1871	December, 1872	Quincy.
Nellie M. Fraser,	" 1871	March, 1874	Kalamazoo.
Imogene B. Arnold,	" 1872	June, 1873	
	November, 1871	June, 1872	
	January, 1872		

NAME.	CAME.	WENT.	REMARKS.
Martha L. Howland,	September, 1872	June, 1873	Graduate of High School.
Ency Coleman,	" 1872	Dec. 1873	Graduate of High School; Critic-teacher in Training School for school year 1876-7.
	" 1876		
E. Jennie Parker,	" 1872		Graduate of High School.
Marion Woodward,	" 1872	June, 1874	Mrs. Myron Crooks, Portage.
Carrie M. Swezey,	" 1872	November, 1876	Graduate of High School; Critic-teacher in Training School, 1875-6; transferred to High School.
Carlie E. Osborn,	" 1873		
Lizzie S. Jackson,	" 1873	June, 1874	Drowned, Gull Lake, August 1, 1874.
Minnie Brearley,	" 1873	June, 1874	Critic-teacher in Training School from Nov., 1876.
	" 1875		
Alice Everett,	" 1873	June, 1875	Kalamazoo.
Mary E. Ranney,	" 1873	January, 1875	Teaching, Delphi, Ind.
Emma Hodge,	" 1873	December, 1875	Mrs. David F. Wilcox, Quincy, Ill.
Maria Hemenover,	" 1873		Graduate of High School.
Fanny Z. Lovell,	" 1873	June, 1874	Transferred to High School.
Emma Hall,	October, 1873		
Isabella F. Macdonald,	November, 1873		
Emma Abbott,	" 1873	June, 1874	Mrs. Frank Abbott, Almont.
Amelia A. Guthrie,	February, 1874		
Emma Edwards,	September, 1874	June, 1875	Mrs. Albert C. Kingman, Battle Creek.
Ella Bacon,	" 1874		
Jennie Hiscock,	" 1874	November, 1874	Kalamazoo.
Etta I. Bostwick,	" 1874		Graduate of High School.
Rebecca Chase,	" 1874	September, 1876	Anaheim, California.
Sarah Stall,	" 1874	June, 1875	Mrs. Charles Dudley, Kalamazoo.
Linda E. Vought,	" 1874	December, 1876	Mrs. R. W. Landon, Niles.
Julia M. Stanclift,	" 1874	June, 1875	Trans. to Training School Dept. of High School.
Lucy Lovett,	" 1874		
Jennie B. Gough,	" 1874	June, 1875	Teaching, Battle Creek.
Ida A. Newark,	" 1874	" 1875	Mrs. Tuller, Pentwater.
Flora A. Guthrie,	" 1874	" 1876	Graduate of High School.
Etta G. Thayer,	November, 1874		" " " "
Lizzie Carnahan,	" 1874		
Cora Barber,	April, 1875	June, 1875	Teaching, suburb, St. Louis, Mo.
Florence S. Smith,	February. 1875	June, 1875	Graduate of High School.
Cornelia A. Woodruff,	September, 1875		
Mary A. Valentine,	" 1875		
Anna T. Hunter,	September, 1875	June, 1877	Kalamazoo.
Carrie E. Graff,	" 1875	June, 1877	Mrs. Otis G. Goss, Prairieville.
Mary F. Petty,	" 1875	June, 1876	Teaching, Shellrock, Iowa.
Libbie Ingersoll,	" 1875	October, 1875	Mrs. Henry Cook, Homer.

Nellie B. Field,	September, 1875		
Jennie Everett,	" 1875	December, 1875	Kalamazoo.
Josephine L. Judson,	October, 1875		
Mary E. G. Cowgill,	January, 1876		
Ida L. Pearce,	" 1876	June, 1876	Kalamazoo.
Emma A. Balch,	September, 1876		Graduate of High and Training School.
Nina L. Goodrich,	" 1876	June, 1877	Graduate of Training School.
Retta C. Andrews,	" 1876		Graduate of High and Training School.
Flora S. Mook,	October, 1876		" " " " " "
Gussie L. Pearce,	November, 1876		Graduate of Training School.
Mary F. Britton,	January, 1877		" " " "
Frances E. Little,	September, 1877		Graduate of High and Training School.
May L. Kennedy,	" 1877		" " " " " "
Lilla J. Hays,	" 1877		
Flora D. Hemenover,	" 1877		Graduate of Training School.
Lucy M. Fay,	" 1877		" " " "

The foregoing narrative is the record of forty-four years; this is, indeed, but a brief span in the history of the world or of a nation, but it is a long time in the life of our Village Schools, and expresses their full age. These years have witnessed the slow development of our system of Schools; gradually, and through many trials and troubles they have come to their present condition. If this sketch shall be of service to future School Officers, or a source of gratification to our citizens; or if its perusal shall quicken the labors of my fellow-workers, by displaying the relation of our work to the toilers of the past, or shall incite any of the youth of our village to avail themselves of the opportunities for culture which the Schools afford, my labors will be amply rewarded.

AUSTIN GEORGE.

KALAMAZOO, September, 1877.